

## § 1150.133

(b) Each member of the Board shall serve until October 31 of the year in which his/her term expires, except that a retiring member may serve until a successor is appointed.

(c) No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

[49 FR 11816, Mar. 28, 1984, as amended at 60 FR 53253, Oct. 13, 1995; 76 FR 14788, Mar. 18, 2011]

### § 1150.133 Nominations.

Nominations for members of the Board shall be made in the following manner:

(a) The Secretary shall solicit nominations for producer representation on the Board from all eligible organizations. For nominations of producers, if the Secretary determines that a substantial number of producers are not members of, or their interests are not represented by, such eligible organizations, the Secretary shall also solicit nominations from such producers through general farmer organizations or by other means.

(b) After the appointment of the initial Board, the Secretary shall announce at least 120 days in advance when a Board member's term is expiring and shall solicit nominations for that position in the manner described in paragraph (a) of this section. Nominations for such position should be submitted to the Secretary not less than 60 days prior to the expiration of such term.

(c) An eligible producer organization may submit nominations only for positions on the Board that represent regions in which such eligible organization can establish that it represents a substantial number of producers. If there is more than one Board position for any such region, the organization may submit nominations for each position.

(d) Where there is more than one eligible organization representing producers in a specific geographic region, the organizations may caucus and jointly nominate producers for each position representing that region on the Board for which a member is to be appointed. If joint agreement is not reached with respect to any such nominations, or if no caucus is held, each eligible organization may submit to the

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Secretary nominations for each appointment to be made to represent that region.

(e) Nominations for representation of importers may be submitted by:

(1) Organizations that represent importers of dairy products, as approved by the Secretary. The primary considerations in determining if organizations adequately represent importers of dairy products shall be whether its membership consists primarily of importers of dairy products and whether a substantial interest of the organization is in the importation of dairy products and the promotion of the nutritional attributes of dairy products; and

(2) Individual importers of dairy products. Individual importers submitting nominations to represent importers on the Board must establish to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the persons submitting the nominations are importers of dairy products.

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### § 1150.134 Nominee's agreement to serve.

Any producer or importer nominated to serve on the Board shall file with the Secretary at the time of the nomination a written agreement to:

(a) Serve on the Board if appointed;

(b) Disclose any relationship with any organization that operates a qualified program or has a contractual relationship with the Board; and

(c) Withdraw from participation in deliberations, decision-making, or voting on matters where paragraph (b) applies.

[49 FR 11816, Mar. 28, 1984, as amended at 76 FR 14789, Mar. 18, 2011]

### § 1150.135 Appointments.

From the nominations made pursuant to § 1150.133, the Secretary shall appoint the members of the Board on the bases of representation provided for in §§ 1150.131(b) and 1150.131(c).

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### § 1150.136 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any member of the Board, the Secretary shall appoint a

successor from the most recent list of nominations for the position or from nominations made by the Board.

**§ 1150.137 Procedure.**

(a) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum at a properly convened meeting of the Board. Any action of the Board shall require the concurring votes of at least a majority of those present and voting. The Board shall establish rules concerning timely notice of meetings.

(b) The Board may take action upon the concurring votes of a majority of its members by mail, telephone, or telegraph when in the opinion of the chairman of the Board such action must be taken before a meeting can be called. Action taken by this emergency procedure is valid only if all members are notified and provided the opportunity to vote and any telephone vote is confirmed promptly in writing. Any action so taken shall have the same force and effect as though such action had been taken at a properly convened meeting of the Board.

[49 FR 11816, Mar. 28, 1984, as amended at 50 FR 9984, Mar. 13, 1985]

**§ 1150.138 Compensation and reimbursement.**

The members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses, including a per diem allowance as recommended by the Board and approved by the Secretary, incurred by them in the performance of their duties under this subpart.

**§ 1150.139 Powers of the Board.**

The Board shall have the following powers:

(a) To receive and evaluate, or on its own initiative develop, and budget for plans or projects to promote the use of fluid milk and dairy products as well as projects for research and nutrition education and to make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such proposals;

(b) To administer the provisions of this subpart in accordance with its terms and provisions;

(c) To make rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of this subpart;

(d) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the provisions of this subpart;

(e) To disseminate information to producers, producer organizations, importers, and importer organizations through programs or by direct contact utilizing the public postage system or other systems;

(f) To select committees and subcommittees of Board members, and to adopt such rules for the conduct of its business as it may deem advisable;

(g) To establish advisory committees of persons other than Board members and pay the necessary and reasonable expenses and fees of the members of such committees;

(h) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to this subpart; and

(i) With the approval of the Secretary, to invest, pending disbursement pursuant to a plan or project, funds collected through assessments authorized under § 1150.152 in, and only in, obligations of the United States or any agency thereof, in general obligations of any State or any political subdivision thereof, in any interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit of a bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve System, or in obligations fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.

[49 FR 11816, Mar. 28, 1984, as amended at 76 FR 14789, Mar. 18, 2011]

**§ 1150.140 Duties of the Board.**

The Board shall have the following duties:

(a) To meet not less than annually, and to organize and select from among its members a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary;

(b) To appoint from its members an executive committee whose membership shall equally reflect each of the different geographic regions in the United States in which milk is produced and importer representation on the Board, and to delegate to the committee authority to administer the terms and provisions of this subpart under the direction of the Board and within the policies determined by the Board;